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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

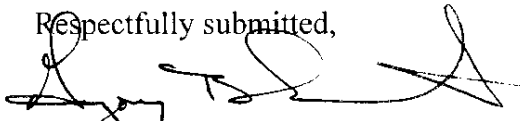
RE: *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of  
Federal State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Consistent with commission rules, this communication is submitted to be filed in the above referenced docket. On January 16, 2004 I met with Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service member Nan Thompson along with staff member, Lori Kenyon. The primary focus of the discussion was on the above referenced docket. We specifically discussed standards for ETC designations, primary line restrictions, comparable standards and high quality standards, equal access, and cost basis reporting.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Berberich, CEO  
Matanuska Telephone Association

cc: *Federal-State Joint Board Members:* Abernathy (Chair), Adelstein, Dunleavy, Gregg, Jaber, Martin, Rowe and Thompson

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